

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 20, 22-24, 26-30 and 32-35 remain pending in the present application. Claim 21 has been cancelled. Claim 20 has been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 20 and 22-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Owen (U.S. Pat. No. 6,069,880). Claim 21 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 21 depended from Claim 20. Claim 20 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 21 and Claim 21 has been cancelled. Thus, Applicant believes Claim 20, as amended, patentably distinguishes over the art of record. Likewise, Claims 22-23, which ultimately depend from Claim 20, are also believed to patentably distinguish over the art of record. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 1, 3-6, 24, 26-30 and 32-35 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests

that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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